

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending. A Final Office Action mailed July 16, 2003 rejected Claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C 103. By way of this amendment, applicant hereby cancels Claims 3 and 8-13, amends Claims 1, 4-7, and adds new Claim 14. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116 applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-6 AND 9-13

The Final Office Action rejected Claims 1-6 and 9-13 as being obvious in view of Coviello (U.S. Patent No. 5,124,903). Applicant has canceled Claims 2, 3, and 9-13, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the lighting element feature from Claim 7. No new matter has been added. Thus, Applicant submits that Coviello fails to teach a system having first and second candles included within a container with a lighting element fastened to the container. Therefore, Applicant submits that amended independent Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references. Because Claims 2 and 4-6 depend from allowable independent Claim 1, they are allowable for the same reason that makes Claim 1 allowable.

REJECTION OF CLAIM 7

The Final Office Action rejected Claim 7 in view of the combination of Coviello and Pekala (US Patent No. 6,092,932). Because Claim 7 depends from allowable independent Claim 1, Claim 7 is allowable for the same reason that makes Claim 1 allowable.



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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

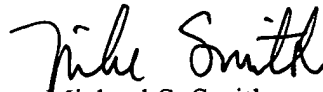
On October 7, 2003 a telephone interview was held between the applicant's representative and examiners. The discussion related to proposed amendment to the Claims. The examiners stated that independent Claim 1 reads over the cited references and that they will determine if a further search is required.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims.

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